that would be nominated by members of this body to decide, like
other legislators do in other states, whether our behavior is
ethical or not. So that's really what we need to focus on, I
think.   And I hope people will at least support the Matzke
amendment to narrow the scope of this bill on ballot issues,
because it would be impossible, impossible, with this language
in this bill, to determine whether an individual using a
telephone or some other resource, a chair, or a desk, whether
that was for or against a specific ballot issue.   So I hope
you'll adopt the Matzke amendment, and I hope you'll consider,
instead of this legislation,...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR WITEK: ...an ethics committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Being approximately ten o'clock, we'll now
move to General File, LB 822, 1998 senator priority bills.
Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, 822, a bill originally introduced by
Senator Robinson. (Read title.)   The bill was introduced on
January 22nd of last year, at that time referred to the
Retirement Committee, advanced to General File.   Senator
Robinson opened on the bill last week. Senator Janssen offered
the committee amendments. Mr. President, committee amendments
are pending.   I do have an additional amendment to the bill
offered by Senator Beutler.   (See FA473 on page 492 of the
Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, I'm going
to clear the board from the last discussion, the lights. If you
desire to speak on this bill, you'll have to repunch in.
Senator Beutler, you are recognized to open on your amendment to
the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Kristensen, members of the
Legislature, the amendment to the committee amendments reduces
it, I believe the amendment that's up there, it changes it from
the Rule of 85 to the Rule of 89, 88? Eighty-eight, sorry. Let
me ask Senator Wickersham a few questions, if I may, so...and
I'm asking these questions so that we...so we're just all sure,